

WESTFIELD TOWN COUNCIL, December 12, 2005

The Westfield Town Council met in regular session Monday, December 12, 2005 at the Westfield Town Hall. Members present were Teresa Otis Skelton, Bob Smith, Jack Hart, David Mikesell, and Ron Thomas. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer, Cindy Gossard, Town Manager, Jerry Rosenberger and Legal Council, Brian Zaiger. President Skelton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Ron Thomas made a motion to approve November 14, 2005 meeting as presented. Bob Smith seconded. Vote: Yes-4; No-0. Abstention-1 (Mikesell) Motion carried.

Jack Hart made a motion to approve November 2, 2005 Special Town Council meeting as presented. Ron Thomas seconded. Vote: Yes-4; No-0. Abstention-1 (Mikesell) Motion carried.

Guests

No guests.

Old Business

Ordinance 05-32 Merit System for Westfield Fire Department First Reading - November 14, 2005 Second Reading

Bob Smith recused himself.

Todd Burtron from the Westfield Fire Department gave a presentation.

Dave Mikesell made a motion to approve Ordinance 05-32. Jack Hart seconded. Vote: Yes-4; No-0; 1 Abstention (Smith)

Ordinance 05-23 Amended; Council Redistricting Discussion Item Only

Ordinance 05-20 Amended; Town to City Discussion Only

Jerry Rosenberger spoke on this ordinance's and suggested these not be considered until after the December 19, 2005 remonstrance period for the annexation. A Special Town Council meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20 in the Town Hall to consider both of these ordinances.

Regulatory Changes/Council Introduction

First Council Consideration

None

Second Council Consideration

None

New Business:

Impact Fee Advisory Board Appointment

Jerry Rosenberger stated we need to make an Impact Fee Advisory Board Appointment which is the replacement for Robert Hartman.

Jerry stated that Mr. David Ginn is willing to serve and is being recommended tonight. Jerry explained Bruce will notify Mr. Ginn.

Plan Commission Options - Presentation

Kevin Buchheit presented proposed reorganization and appointments of the Advisory Plan Commission.

Mr. Carl Steele of the Township Advisory Board spoke.

Mr. Joe Plankis spoke on the proposal.

Ordinance 05-36 2006 Salary Ordinance First Reading Require Suspension of the Rules

Jerry Rosenberger gave a brief presentation of the 2006 Salary Ordinance.

Dave Mikesell made a motion to suspend the rules to approve Ordinance 05-36 on the First Reading. Jack Hart seconded. Vote: Yes-5; No-0. Motion carried.

Dave Mikesell made a motion to approve Ordinance 05-36 as presented. Bob Smith seconded. Vote: Yes-4; No-1 (Thomas)

Department Head Employment Contracts

Jerry Rosenberger presented asking to extend department head contracts for Bryan Foster, Kevin Buchheit and himself to coincide with the other department heads whose contracts expire on December 31, 2007.

Dave Mikesell made a motion to extend department head employment contracts for Bryan Foster, Kevin Buchheit, and Jerry Rosenberger to December 31, 2007. Jack Hart seconded. Vote: Yes-4; No-1 (Thomas)

Ordinance 05-17 Annexation Introduction: Sycamore on the Monon Public Hearing Scheduled for January 9, 2006 Introduction and Information

Jerry Rosenberger presented this item stating this is a voluntary annexation request and a Public Hearing will be held on January 9, 2006.

Resolution 05-19 National Incident Management System

Jerry Rosenberger explained this Resolution provides for Westfield to adopt the NIMS as its system of preparing for and responding to disaster incidents.

Dave Mikesell made a motion to approve Resolution 05-19 with the scrivener's errors. Bob Smith seconded. Vote: Yes-5; No-0. Motion carried.

Resolution 05-21 Year End Budget Transfers

Jerry Rosenberger explained this is an annual resolution that allows the Clerk Treasurer to make transfers within minor categories and to transfer among major categories appropriations necessary to complete the year as required by State Board of Accounts.

Jack Hart moved to approve Resolution 05-21 as presented. Bob Smith seconded. Vote: Yes-4; No-1 (Thomas)

Resolution 05-22 Reverse Auction Authorization

Jerry Rosenberger explained the process of a reverse auction and stated it has been very successful in saving municipalities considerable amounts in their purchasing.

Dave Mikesell made a motion to approve Resolution 05-22 as presented. Ron Thomas seconded. Vote: Yes-5; No-0. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 05-37 Council Appointment to Advisory Plan Commission
First Reading**

Jerry Rosenberger explained this Ordinance is to establish greater citizen participation and leadership positions within the Advisory Plan Commission and to limit the role the town council appointees play in leading the APC.

Jerry stated this is the first reading and requires no council action.

2005 Utility Write-Offs from the Clerk Treasure's Office

Cindy Gossard stated these are outstanding bills which have not been able to be collected.

Dave Mikesell made a motion to approve the 2005 Utility Write Offs as presented. Jack Hart seconded. Vote: Yes-5; No-0. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda: Release of Performance Bonds
Andover Sections 1, 2, and 3**

Bob Smith moved to approve the Release of Performance Bonds. Dave Mikesell seconded. Vote: Yes-5; No-0. Motion carried.

Release of Maintenance Bonds

None.

Subsequent Connector Fee Agreements

None.

Town Manager Report

Jerry Rosenberger gave the Town Manager Report which included comments on space planning, annexation, Westfield Water Tower, special census, and the Gray and Moontown Road alignment.

Council Comments:

Jack Hart commented on the reports received from HNTB.

Ron Thomas commented on the good job on the snow plowing.

Teresa Skelton stated she has met with members of the Parks group.

Jack Hart stated the situation at Mufflers and More regarding the sidewalk parking and the need for enforcement.

Claims:

Jerry stated with the IT problems and the new software the claims would be presented at the December 15th Town Council meeting.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:17. Executive session followed.

Clerk-Treasurer

Council President